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1. FOLLOWING DRAFT TEXTS ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE REFTEL REQUEST. EXCHANGE OF TOASTS NOT RPT NOT CUSTOMARY DURING OFFICIAL VISITS TO SAUDI ARABIA.

2. DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

(1) I AM PLEASED TO AGAIN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA AND TO MEET WITH HIS MAJESTY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA. THE UNITED STATES APPRECIATES THE SUPPORT THAT THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA HAS LENT TO EFFECTING THE COMMON ASPIRATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. MOST PARTICULARLY WE APPRECIATE THE KINGDOM'S SUPPORT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF HIS MAJESTY KING FAISAL BIN ABDUL AZIZ IN OUR EFFORTS TO SEEK A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING WITH HIS MAJESTY KING FAISAL THE STATUS OF HIS SEARCH FOR PEACE AND RECEIVING FROM HIM THE BENEFIT OF HIS ENLIGHTENED VIEWS ON THIS VITAL ISSUE.

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- (2) AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO PUBLICLY PAY A WORD OF TRIBUTE TO MY DEAR FRIEND SAYYID OMAR SAQQAF WHOSE LOSS WE ALL FEEL DEEPLY. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO STRENGTHENING THE UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WERE GREAT AND HIS COUNSEL, WHICH I ALWAYS VALUED HIGHLY, SHALL BE TRULY MISSED.
- (3) DURING THIS VISIT I SHALL, I HOPE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH AND TO GET TO KNOW BETTER HIS EXCELLENCY SHAIKH MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM MAS'UD WHO HAS SO GRACIOUSLY RECEIVED ME HERE TODAY. AS I HAVE LEARNED FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF THE DEATH AND DEPENDABILITY OF THE TRADITIONAL HOSPITALITY OF SAUDI ARABIA, SO HAVE I ALSO LEARNED OF THE HIGH CAPABILITY OF HER PUBLIC SERVANTS. SHAIKH MUHAMMAD, I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD THE COMMON GOALS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

3. DRAFT DEPARTURE STATEMENT:

- (1) I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO HIS MAJESTY AND TO SHAIKH MUHAMMAD FOR THE GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY I HAVE RECEIVED IN SAUDI ARABIA. I DEPART SAUDI ARABIA AGAIN BETTER INFORMED OF THE VIEW OF HIS MAJESTY ABOUT MATTER OF VITAL CONCERN TO BOTH OUR COUNTRIES.
- (2) WE DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIFFICULT BUT ESSENTIAL SEARCH FOR A PERMANENT AND JUST SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AS ALWAYS, HIS MAJESTY'S VIEWS EXHIBITED HIS EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND REFLECTED THE VALUABLE SUPPORT WE HAVE CONTINUALLY RECEIVED FROM SAUDI ARABIA IN THIS ENDEAVOR.
- (3) WE ALSO DISCUSSED THE WORLD ECONOMIC AND ENERGY CRISES WITH A VIEW TO SEEKING WAYS OF STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION IN THESE AREAS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. I FOUND HIS MAJESTY'S THOUGHTS BEARING THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING SO VITAL TO SURVIVAL AND GROWTH OF A SOUND ECONOMIC ORDER.

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(4) OF COURSE WE DISCUSSED OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WHOSE STRENGTH AND DEPTH ARE REFLECTED IN THE OPERATION OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC

COMMISSIONS ORGANIZED BY OUR COUNTRIES. THIS WEEK THE GOVERNMENTS OF SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UNITED STATES CONCLUDED A TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WHICH FORMALIZES SOME OF THE COOPERATIVE PLANS IN MANY DIFFERENT FIELDS WHICH THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN WORKING ON DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

LATER THIS MONTH THE JOINT COMMISSION WILL CONVENE IN WASHINGTON TO PURSUE FURTHER THIS HEARTENING VENTURE IN BILATERAL COOPERATION.

(5) AGAIN I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY HOSTS FOR THEIR HOSPIT-ALITY. I LOOK FORWARD TO MY NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA. END OF DRAFT.

COMMENT: TECHNICAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WILL PROBABLY BE SIGNED SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 15. REF JIDDA 927. IF THE SIGNING DOES NOT TAKE PLACE SECRETARY'S PARTY WILL IMMEDIATELY BE ADVISED.

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